

Agenda

Methane Hydrates Interagency R&D Conference
Washington, DC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2002

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. **Pre-Registration & Poster Setup**

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2002

7:00 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:00 a.m. **Welcome & Introduction**
Assistant Secretary of Fossil Energy
U.S. Department of Energy

8:20 a.m. **Keynote Address**

8:45 a.m. **Conference Game Plan/Program Goals & Objectives**
U.S. DOE, National Energy Technology
Laboratory

9:00 a.m. **The Curiosity of Hydrates**
U.S. Geological Survey

9:20 a.m. **Methane Hydrates Issues**

- Resources Assessment, U.S. Geological Survey
- Hazards/Safety, Minerals Management Service

9:50 a.m. **Break**

10:05 a.m. **Methane Hydrates Issues** (Continued)

- Global Climate Change, National Science Foundation
- Chemosynthetic Communities, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- International Coordination, Naval Research Laboratory
- Panel Discussion

11:15 a.m. **Lunch** (on your own)

12:40 p.m. **Arctic Region Projects**

This session will feature talks about methane hydrate projects in Alaska and other Arctic areas. The Alaska hydrate resource will be discussed as well as an international drilling project in Canada.

3:10 p.m. **Break**

3:25 p.m. **West Coast Projects**

This session will feature talks about methane hydrate projects in the Western United States and Canada. The Ocean Drilling Program Leg 204 off the coast of Oregon will be discussed as well as the Canadian work in Cascadia.

5:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

6:30 p.m. **Reception/Poster Session**
Reception hosted by ChevronTexaco Corp.

Space will be provided for 14 poster presentations, which will be displayed throughout the entire conference. If you would like to present a poster, please indicate so on the registration form included in this brochure. You will be contacted by NETL Event Management with further information.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2002

7:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:00 a.m. **Welcome Back**

8:10 a.m. **East Coast Projects**

This session will feature talks about methane hydrate projects in the Atlantic Ocean, including cruises to the Blake Ridge off the coast of South Carolina.

10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:35 a.m. **Gulf of Mexico Projects**

This session will feature talks about methane hydrate projects in the Gulf of Mexico. The GOM Joint Industry Project for safety and seafloor stability will be discussed as will the efforts of the Center for Marine Research and Environmental Technologies.

11:50 a.m. **Lunch** (on your own)

1:15 p.m. **Gulf of Mexico Projects** (Continued)

2:30 p.m. **General Discussion/Closing Statements**

3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**